

City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM****

To: City of College Park Council Members

From: Scott Somers, City Manager

Date: March 29, 2016

Subject: City Of College Park Weekly Bulletin

Attachments: Good Neighbor Day, College Park Book Festival, District 1 Coffee Club, Bike to Work

Day and Maryland Day

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE: WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2016

- Continued interviews to fill the Communications Coordinator position. It's expected that an offer will be made this week to the top candidate.
- Janeen Miller, City Clerk, Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney, and I reviewed draft Council Rules. Council Rules are scheduled for another review with Council at the April 5th Worksession, followed by final approval at the April 12th meeting.
- Attended the CMAST meeting, which includes public safety officials from UMPD and PGPD District 1. Agenda items included review of significant events and updates from each jurisdiction.
- Mayor Wojahn and I met for our weekly one-on-one meeting. Items discussed included a potential application for a TIGER grant for Baltimore Ave. reconstruction, updates on recruitments and budgeting.
- Peggy Higgins, Youth, Family and Senior Services Director and I met to discuss the Aging in Place Task Force final report.
- Terry Schum, Planning, Community and Economic Development Director, Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager, Eric Olson, Executive Director for The Partnership, and I met to discuss a potential application for a TIGER grant for Baltimore Ave. reconstruction.
- Attended the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- Participated in the weekly department staff meeting. Staff reviewed the previous night's Council meeting items and discussed and prepared for future Council meetings.
- Councilmember Cook and I met for our monthly one-on-one meeting. Items discussed included improvements to District 4 amenities, improvements to the senior services, and the Council agenda and meeting process.
- Councilmember Kujawa and I spoke several times concerning District 4 amenities and ways to improve collaboration and team building.

- Attended a District 4 meeting with Councilmembers Kujawa and Cook.
- Worked with Steve Groh, Finance Director to finalize the Proposed Budget. The Proposed Budget has gone to the printers and will be distributed to Councilmembers by March 31st.
- Worked on staff performance evaluations.
- Councilmember Stullich and I met for our monthly one-on-one meeting. Items discussed included updates to the budget and timeline, current recruitments, and the timeline for the structural assessment for the Old Parish House. The assessment is currently underway.
- Rode along with PGPD Contract Police Officer Whitlow on Saturday night.
- Worked with staff members on various Councilmember requests.

NOTEWORTHY DEPARTMENT ITEMS

Administration

Assistant City Manger

• UPDATE ON THE BERWYN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPAIR: We have been informed by WMATA that the installation of the replacement pedestrian span at the end of Berwyn Road, which will require a rail shutdown, is scheduled for the weekend of April 23 -24. Once the new span is in place, WMATA will still have some work to finish before the bridge is open for public use. The opening is currently projected for early May.

City Clerk

• Telephone interviews were conducted with candidates for the Office Specialist III position."

Planning Department

• On Tuesday, March 22, the Director and Community Development Coordinator, along with University of Maryland staff, participated in a tour of planned bikeshare stations with our vendor Zagster. There will be 7 on-campus stations and 7 off-campus stations. Written confirmation of the feasibility of these stations including site plans will be provided by Zagster pending final approval by the City. The Director will attend the North College Park Citizens Association meeting on April 14 to discuss the proposed north College Park station locations.

A marketing meeting with Zagster will take place on April 4, after which time a marketing plan and membership pricing structure will be confirmed. While our bikeshare system will carry the Zagster name, it is possible to do additional branding. The possibility of calling our system "M Bike" is under discussion. This would enable the system to expand into neighboring jurisdictions easily much like Capital Bikeshare.

- On March 24, the Director and City Engineer met with the City's consultant to finalize the construction specifications and bid documents for the Duvall Field concession building and site improvements. The proposed schedule calls for bids to be advertised on April 11 and construction to begin in June.
- The Community Development Coordinator participated in a Good Neighbor Day planning meeting and a meeting of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Association.

Youth, Family and Senior Services

• College Park Children Receive City Scholarships to UMD's 2016 Summer Camps: Forty-one College Park children were selected by the City's Education Advisory Committee to receive City scholarships to the University of Maryland's 2016 summer camps. This year's scholarships total \$14,850 and the number of children selected is determined by the amount of available funds. Of the 96 children who applied, 58 were new to the application process and had not received a scholarship in previous years. This is the fourth year of an increasingly popular program.

Public Works

- Bob Stumpff attended the Good Neighbor Day Planning Committee meeting on Monday, March 21.
- The annual Good Neighbor Day is this Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Bob Stumpff chaired the Maryland Recycling Network's (state recycling organization) monthly Board of Directors teleconference meeting on Tuesday, March 22.
- April is Spring Clean-up Month. The Department of Public Works will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 12 Noon the next four Saturdays: April 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Public Services

Code Enforcement

- Code Staff opened 28 cases for various code violations; 4 municipal infractions were issued.
- One zoning violation was issued.
- Issued 3 commercial inspection notices and 26 residential inspection notices.
- 47 Residential permit validations issued.
- 3 Commercial Occupancy Permits were released
- Thursday night noise rotation began. 8 calls to the hotline were received while on duty. No calls were received while on call.
- 6 notices of noise complaint received were issued; 1 municipal infraction for violation of noise ordinance was issued.
- 23 single family inspections were conducted; 7 re-inspections were completed.
- 3 Commercial establishments were inspected.
- Received 3 construction/building permit applications and released 9 permits.

Animal Control

- Investigated a dog confinement complaint.
- Investigated two carcass complaints which could not be located.
- Investigated a complaint of an injured squirrel.
- Impounded a stray dog that was turned into a local business.
- Filed two lost cat reports, posted on social media.
- Loaned 1 trap for nuisance cats.
- Loaned 2 traps for lost family cat.
- Referred local business to MD Dept of Natural Resources regarding a nuisance owl.
- Facilitated the reunion of a lost dog and his family.
- Filed a request with State Highway Administration for removal of a deer carcass on public roadway.
- Removed an opossum carcass from private property.

Police

1-Jul-15 to week of 04-Mar-16	FY16YTD Totals
MD State Citations	1451
Warnings	1685
ERO	342
Distracted Driving	66
Parking	16
Field Observation Report	118
Youth Field Report	2
Citations in Lieu of Arrest	40
Civil Citation	9
Criminal Arrests	22
DWS Arrest	0
DWI Arrest	2
Warrant Arrest	9
Premise Checks (Vacation	132
Checks)	
Referral-Student Code of Conduct	35
Down Town Area Warnings	461
Down Town Area Citations	33



CALL 9-1-1

- When someone needs emergency medical care
- When you see or smell fire, smoke, or gas leak
- When you see suspicious activity including
 - Someone you don't know on your property
 - Someone trying to open vehicle or house doors
 - Someone vandalizing property
 - Someone breaking into a building
 - Someone assaulting another person

CALL POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 301-352-1200

• When property has been vandalized and there are no suspicious people in the area.

IF YOU CALL 9-1-1 or 301-352-1200

- Stay on the line. Calls are answered in the order received you will lose your place if you hang up.
- You may get a recorded message, but still stay on the line.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

7:30 A.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016 (ONLY IF NEEDED)

7:30 A.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

7:30 P.M. FOUR CITIES MEETING IN NEW CARROLLTON





MARYLAND IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

9 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 5051 PIERCE AVE., COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

COME JOIN US FOR

FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT COLLEGE PARK FOOD BANK

HOLLYWOOD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION

INVASIVE SPECIES AND LITTER CLEANUP

Cherry Hill Road Trail • UMD Campus Creek Trail • Calvert Hill Frog Pond Guilford Drive • Trolley Trail Edible Garden

RAIN GARDEN DESIGN, RAIN BARREL DECORATION AND MORE

For more information and to register, visit GOODNEIGHBORDAY.UMD.EDU









A Smart Place to Live

4th Annual

College Park Book Festival

Saturday, April 9, 2016 2pm – 4pm

RAIN OR SHINE!

NEW LOCATION!

College Park Community Center 5051 Pierce Ave, College Park

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING!

- Meet & Greet over 15 local authors & illustrators! Purchase books & get autographs! (Great for gift giving!)
- ~ Attend a Self-Publishing Seminar
- ~ Free Health Screenings in the Lions Mobile Health Unit!
- ~ Visit the PG County Police Child ID Unit
- ~ Kids read to Bella, the library dog
- ~ Buy the perfect book at the <u>Used Book Sale</u>
- ~ Crafts & Coloring for ALL ages
- ~ Readings by local "celebrities"
- ~ Balloon Creations by Lisa
- ~ Face Painting
- ~ Join the CPC Library
- ~ Donate used Eye Glasses & Hearing Aids to the Lions
- ~ <u>Give</u> your old books new life! Donate them to the CPC Library
- ~Support College Park Families! <u>Bring</u> a non-perishable food item for the College Park Food Bank



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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



DISTRICT I. COFFEE CLUB

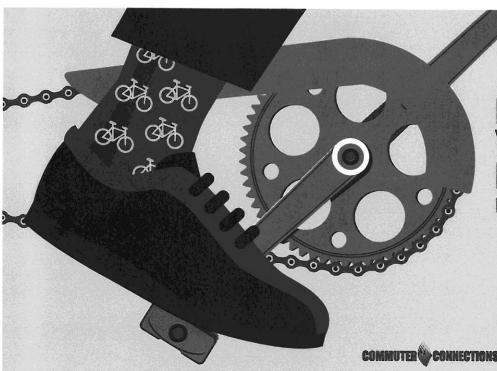
Location: Jason's Deli, 7356 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD

The Prince George's County Police Department, District I Coffee Club will meet every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Our goal is to meet with residents of the community to discuss public safety matters, crime statistics and other citizen concerns. This forum is an excellent opportunity for the community and police to engage in comprehensive discussion of all topics related to public safety. Come share ideas on building a stronger police and citizen relationship. The setting will always be casual with an open format. Together let us explore how we can make our area a more livable community.

All of the topics to be discussed are interrelated as we strive to work together to keep District I a place that we are all proud to work and call "Home". The Coffee Club is a public forum for ALL citizens, business owners, organizations, and public officials who share our goal. Everyone is provided an opportunity to share his or her views on any topic of discussion.

It is understood that the Coffee Club does not endorse any political or religious organization.

- -The District I Coffee Club meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
- -During the summer months of June, July and August, it meets bi-weekly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month
- -During the winter months, it will follow the Prince George's County School System. If the schools are delayed or canceled, it will not meet.



BIKE TO DAY 2016 **FRIDAY MAY 20**

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS

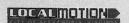


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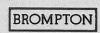














Pre-register by May 13 for Free T-shirt* and Bike Raffles!









FREE FOOD, BEVERAGES and **GIVEAWAYS at all locations**

Visit biketoworkmetrodc.org for pit stop locations & times. *T-shirts available at pit stops to first 15,000 who register. Over 80 pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.



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bike to work day 2016

Register free at BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG or call 800.745.7433

Bike to Work Day is also funded by D.C., MD, VA and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

